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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143


Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2006, setting forth a requirement for restriction and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 25 and 26, drawn to a method for enhancing fertility by administering an effective amount of IL-11 and IL-11R α , classified in class 514, subclass 2.

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